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Enclosed is a copy of an email enquiry by the USPTO to the American Society of Hematology Blood, concerning the earliest public availablity of abstract 338a, Passoni et al., which was prinetd in Blood, 2000, vol. 96, no. 11 part 1. The reply from Laura Stark indicates that the requested information was made publically available on the ASH website (www.hematology.org) on November 8, 2000.

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From: Laura Stark [mailto:lstark@hematology.org]On Behalf Of Ash

Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2004 11:15 AM

To: Arnold, Deirdre

Subject: RE: request for public availability information

That issue of Blood was mailed to ASH members and ASH meeting registrants on November 9, 2000. It was made available to the public on the ASH Web site (www.hematology.org) on November 8, 2000.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a technical information specialist at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I hope that you can help me to determine the date when volume 96, no. 11, part 1 of Blood first became publicly available (this issue is dated in November of 2000). I need to know the date this issue was mailed to its subscribers as well as the dates of any earlier releases (print or electronic). Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Please e-mail the information to me

at deirdre.arnold@uspto.gov or fax it to 571-273-0225 with my name on the cover sheet. Thank you very much for your time and assistance.

Sincerely, Deirdre I. Arnold

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